

Notice of Allowability

Application No.	Applicant(s)
09/912,457	ITOH, MITSURU
Examiner	Art Unit
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1. This communication is responsive to Response filed December 29, 2003.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-6.
3. The drawings filed on 26 July 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
 of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
 Paper No./Mail Date 3/8/04.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.



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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Manabu Kanesaka on March 8, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 20, delete "sawing" and insert --sewing--.

In the Claims:

In claim 2, line 1, after "bonding" delete "and sewing".

In claim 3, line 1, after "bonding" delete "and sewing".

In claim 4, line 1, after "bonding" delete "and sewing".

In claim 6, line 1, after "bonding" delete "and sewing".

Replace Claim 5 with:

5. A method of bonding a bias piece according to claim 2, wherein said stretchable cloth is a stretchable tape, said first and second bias cloths are cut into bias tapes, and said bias tapes being stitched to said stretchable tape with zigzag stitches to thereby form a binder tape stretching in one direction.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The claims are allowed for the reasons as set forth in paragraph 12 of the previous Office Action filed September 22, 2003, and in light of Applicant's Amendments to the claims and remarks filed on December 29, 2003.

The reference Vamos (US Patent No. 2,184,772) is cited to show that it is known in the prior art to adhere an elastic fabric to a biased textile fabric in order to allow the bias fabric to return to its original shape after stretching, however the elastic fabric in Vamos is elastic in only one direction and is adhered to only one biased fabric sheet.

As discussed in the previous Office Action filed September 22, 2003, no prior art was found to show or suggest a method of bonding a bias piece by providing first and second bias cloths that are laminated and fixed such that the warps of the cloths cross and also fixing the cloths to a stretchable cloth that is stretchable in the vertical, lateral, and diagonal directions.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gladys J Piazza Corcoran whose telephone number is (571) 272-1214. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8am-5:30pm (alternate Fridays off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Crispino can be reached on (571) 272-1226. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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